COMPULSORY PRIMARY EDUCATION

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Will the Minister of State for Primary and Secondary Enducation be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the facilities provided to the various classes of students under the scheme of Compulsory Primary Education in ;

(*d*) the total amount spent on this scheme during the last years in the State ;

(*c*) the other facilities proposed or schemed by the Government to help the students under this scheme ?

SMT. E.E VAZ (Minister of State for Primary and Secondary Education)

(*a*) For the successful implementation of the Compulsory Primary Education Scheme, the following facilities are provided : —

(1) Primary Schools are opened in all villages in which there are sufficient number of school going children in the age group of 6-10 years. If there are not many children in the village for opening a school exclusively for that village, such children will be admitted to a school in the nieghbouring village and it is ensured that no child would walk more than 1.6 kilometres (one mile). If the total population is less than 300, then no school will be sanctioned to such villages. If there is increase in the number of students, then additional teachers will be sanctioned to such schools.

(2) In order to keep the children at schools, Midday Meal is provided under the "CARE" programme. During 1973-74, a out twelve lakhs of rupees were covered under this programme.

(3) For the backward and poor children free books and slates are supplied. In the Budget estimates of the year 1973-74, a sum of Rupees 2 (two) lakhs was provided for this purpose.

(4) Attendance scholarship for the girl-pupils was provided. A sum of Rupees 4 (four) lakhs was provided in the Budget in 1973-74.

(5) Donations both in cash and kind were collected from the public for providing equipments, teaching aids, etc.

(6) Each school has a School Betterment Committee for ensuring enrolment and regular-attendance in every school.

(*b*) Total expenditure incurred on primary education is as shown below :—